Sawtimber Decreases In Piedmont Virginia

The volume of pine sawtimber in the Piedmont of Virginia has decreased 27 per cent in 17 years. This startling fact was recently released in Forest Statistics for the Piedmont of Virginia, by the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station. The surveys presents facts on the present forest conditions and changes in forest conditions since earlier survey made in 1940. Some of the statistics are broken down for the Southern Region of the Piedmont south of the James River.

According to the report, the present board foot volume of yellow pine sawtimber, the life blood of most Piedmont sawmills, is 25 per cent below the 1940 level. During the same period the total cubic foot volume of hardwood increased 36 per cent. The decrease in pine sawtimber was about the same throughout the entire Piedmont, while the increase in hardwood volume was almost one half as great in the Southern Piedmont as in the north.

The mixed group of hardwoods, including hickory, red maple, black gum, sweet gum, and other minor species, made the greatest percentage increase in board foot volume but the greatest volume increase was made by the oak groups. Yellow poplar, a very important tree, made an encouraging increase in sawtimber volume of 17 per cent during the 17 year period.

The drop in volume of pine or pulpwood size was not nearly as great as that of the sawtimber size. Hardwoods of this size showed a definite gain.

Pine trees below pulpwood size (between two and four inches in diameter at chest height) increased 1 per cent in number, while hardwoods of the same size increased 21 per cent.

The total forest areas of the Southern Piedmont increased 10 per cent during this period covered in the comparison.

A reverse of the general trend of the above data for sawtimber was found in the net annual change for the year of 1957. There is an estimated increase during the year in yellow pine sawtimber of 0.6 per cent, for other softwoods (chiefly red cedar) an increase of 1.1 per cent, soft hardwoods an increase of 2.0 per cent, while hard hardwoods are decreasing 1.5 per cent, giving an overall increase of 0.2 per cent for the year.

Foresters with the Virginia Division of Forestry at Farmville commenting on this survey release pointed out that this increase in pine sawtimber results in part from increased thinning operations for pulpwood in young pine stands thereby bringing an increased amount of pine into the sawtimber size group instead of cutting the area clean for pulpwood.

There has been a demand for more of the hard hardwoods and cutting, poisoning, girdling, and hardening operations aimed at reestablishing or increasing pine stands have reduced some of the hard hardwoods. In unmanaged stands of timber hardwoods usually follow pine. An increased market for soft hardwoods is needed to aid in balancing the cut from this area.

The fire protection and reforestation programs are partly responsible for the increase in the number of trees below pulpwood size and also for the increase in the forest area from abandoned farm land.

CLOVER MITES TROUBLESOME IN HOMES IN COOL WEATHER

The advent of cold weather may bring trouble for home owners.

Arthur P. Morris, associate entomologist at VPI, says clover or grass mites often become a pest in homes when they seek shelter for the winter. The clover mite is smaller than the head of a pin. It is reddish with rather long legs, and when crushed, leaves a red stain. They do not bite humans nor damage buildings or household furnishings, nor do they normally feed on household plants.

However, no one particularly wants the insects around, and here's how to get rid of them.

To destroy the mites before they invade the home, spray the lawn and shrubbery around the building. Then spray the foundation and side of the house up to and including the first floor windows and window frames. Use a malathion spray made by adding one quart of 57% malathion emulsion concentrate to 20 gallons of water. For smaller amounts, add 10 tablespoonfuls of the emulsion concentrate to three gallons of water. At the first indication of mite migration apply the spray at the rate of 20 to 30 gallons per 1,000 square feet, depending on the density of the vegetation.

Where mites have invaded basement areas, use a stronger malathion spray around the windows, at the top of the foundation, at the ends of joists, and over wall surfaces. Prepare the spray using two quarts of malathion concentrate to 20 gallons of water. For smaller amounts, add 20 tablespoonfuls of the emulsion concentrate to three gallons of water.

To destroy the mites on floors, walls, windows, and furniture inside the house, mop the infested areas with a cloth saturated with refined (white) deodorized kerosene or with an oil-based household spray. Mopping must be repeated each time a "migration" of the mites is discovered and until all of the mites have left the house or have been destroyed.

To be effective, control must be thorough. Home owners may find it advisable to employ commercial pest control operators if the infestation is severe and persistent.

Run For Wrong Bus Fatal

Kansas City.- James H. Terrill, 66-year-old retired streetcar conductor, and his wife were walking toward a corner when they saw a bus coming. They began running to catch it. Just as they reached the corner, Terrill felt a pain in his chest and fell to his knees, dying of a heart attack. And, it turned out, it was the wrong bus.

TOO MANY INVITED

Coventry, England.- To honor Mrs. Hannah Taylor on her 107th birthday, the Mayor invited her and "all her family" to tea. However, when it was learned that the potential guest-list numbered 200, the Mayor restricted the guests to Mrs. Taylor, her children and her grandchildren — only 23.

SHINES SHOES AT 86

Dallas, Texas.- For the past 77 years, Dozia Sherman, now 86, has been shining shoes. Sherman, son of a slave family, hopes to live to be 111, like his father before him.

SCOPE OF SAVINGS BOND BUYERS BROADENED

A reminder that after January 1 all corporations, and other investors, except commercial banks, may purchase Series E and H Savings Bonds in limited amounts, is made by C. H. Edwards, State Director, U. S. Savings Bond Division of the Treasury Department.

Series E and H Savings Bonds are now available only to individuals, personal trust accounts and employee savings plans. The ruling will be of special interest, Mr. Edwards pointed out, to a large number of small institutional groups, such as farm organizations, fraternal, civic, service, patriotic, veterans organizations, labor unions, eleemosynary institutions and state and local government bodies. The Treasury has received considerable demand from such groups for securities of this type, Mr. Edwards explained.

A limit of $10,000 a year of each series, (maturity values), will apply, the same annual purchase limit that now applies to individuals.

Mr. Edwards said the Treasury was taking this step to fill a gap in the Savings Bonds program which was created last April when the sale of Series J and K Savings Bonds was discontinued.

"Since then," he continued, "small investor groups, other than individuals, have not had available to them any government security with guaranteed interest rate and protection against market fluctuations."

LOCAL STUDENT IN QUEEN'S COURT

Roanoke, Va.- Miss Terry Ferriry was Snow Queen and D. R. Day, Snow King in the Snow Court at the annual Christmas dance of National Business College students Thursday night at the Elks Club in Roanoke. Miss Ferrire is from Santiage de Cuba, Cuba, and Day is from Raleigh, W. Va.

Other members of the court included Henry Staples, of Evergreen, Appomattox County, Va.

Staples is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Staples, Sr., of Evergreen, and is enrolled in Accounting and Business Administration at National Business College.

The reason gravy so often goes wrong is because hot water is used in it. You may do better with cold water. A lumpless way to thicken gravy, is to add flour to cold water in a jar, shaking well. Then add it to the gravy.

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Greetings to All
Our sincere thanks and much holiday cheer to all our friends and patrons.
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In the spirit of the first Noel, we extend to all our friends our best wishes for a Christmas rich in the blessings of peace and good will, love and happiness.
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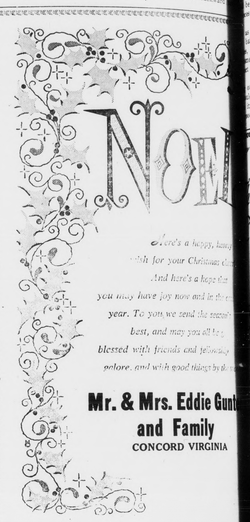
Here's a happy, healthy for your Christmas ... And here's a hope that you may have joy now and in the year. To you we send the best, and may you all be blessed with friends and prosperity galore, and with good things by the
Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Gunt and Family
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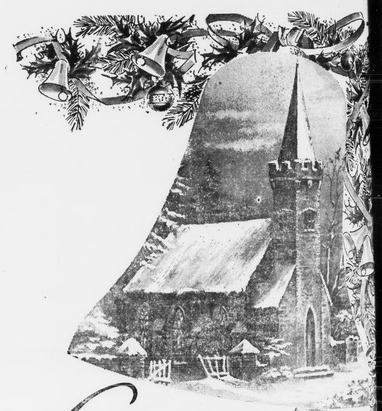
Greetings of the Season
Lynchburg Westover Dairies Inc.

Health and Beauty

Medicine Cabinet

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[illegible] the family medicine [illegible] not be left until the [illegible] is stuffed to capacity, [illegible] rule to "weed out" the useless or harmful articles about once every two or three months and, at the same time check on the stock of necessary first aid supplies to be prepared for emergencies.

It should be unnecessary to warn that every bottle or jar or box in the medicine cabinet should be carefully labeled. Yet there are accidents every week caused by people drinking from or using toxic preparations taken from unlabeled or wrongly labeled containers.

Dangerous poisons, labeled or not, should never be placed in the medicine cabinet. They should be kept far out of reach of children, or of adults, who might hurriedly be looking for a pain remedy and instead use something that might cause serious illness or even death.

Medicines prescribed by the doctor for a certain illness at a certain time should not be "hoarded" in the medicine cabinet for future use. Most prescriptions lose their usefulness with age and are likely to be harmful rather than useful if retained for future remedy.

Among first aid supplies that should be kept freshly stocked are sterile cotton, sterile gauze bandage, adhesive tape and antiseptics to prevent infection in minor cuts and bruises. A good antiseptic is mild tincture of iodine.

Most families prefer to keep on hand a mild laxative and a "headache reliever" like aspirin. While these remedies are not dangerous in small amounts, they are best used when taken infrequently and in small amounts, they are best used under the doctor's prescription and advice because there are times when they can become harmful or habit-forming.

When materials in the medicine chest are kept in an orderly and easily accessible fashion, time is saved in emergencies and neatness and cleanliness can be maintained in a part of the household where they are of special importance.

DATES SET AT VPI FOR SUMMER EVENTS

Dates for several annual summer events at VPI have been announced by W. H. Daughtrey, associate director of the VPI Agricultural Extension Service.

The 4-H All Star conference is scheduled for June 20-22, and the state 4-H short course, for June 23-28. These two events annually attract about 1,500 boys and girls from throughout Virginia.

The Institute of Rural Affairs, VPI's "open house" for farmers, which is usually attended by around 1,300 people, will be held July 29-31.

The annual Extension Service conference is scheduled August 18-22.

Appomattox is a growing town.

Russia warns that war peril increases.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Where does today's weather originate? Where was the air, or moisture, that is over us today, twenty-four hours ago?

Today's weather usually originates approximately five hundred miles to the west. That's the average distance the layer of gases that surrounds the earth (the weather) moves every twenty-four hours.

Moist air bringing rain, or dry air bringing clear weather, was about 500 miles to the west yester day. Of course, the characteristics of the air can and do sometimes change as they move and this complicates the problems of the forecaster.

But, generally speaking, what is happening to the west today is a tip on our weather tomorrow, especially when one is following the approach of a cold or warm front. Mountain ranges, of course, can alter the normal western process, and if you live on the eastern slopes, weather forecasting involves additional difficulties.

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The Red Cross Bloodmobile was in Appomattox Monday.

Schools set to close for the annual Christmas holidays.

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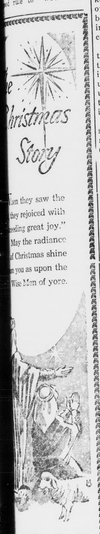
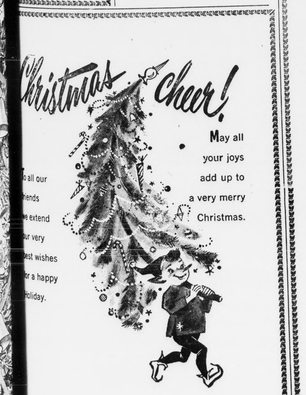

Christmas Story
[illegible] they saw the [illegible] they rejoiced with [illegible] exceeding great joy."
May the radiance [illegible] Christmas shine [illegible] you as upon the [illegible] Wise Men of yore.
C. W. Smith
Insurance Agency
Appomattox, Va.
DIAL 4181


Christmas Cheer!
May all your joys add up to a very merry Christmas.
To all our friends we extend our very best wishes for a happy holiday.
COLEMAN'S FEED & SEED STORE
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Season's Greetings
At the holiday season, our thoughts turn with special warmth to our loyal friends and customers. We want to say how pleased we are to be privileged to serve the folks in this community and we wish for all a Yuletide that really rings the bell for good fellowship, contentment and good cheer...
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The Farmers National Bank
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